

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senator-Designate Paul Grattan Kirk, Jr., of Massachusetts, was administered the oath of office by the Vice President.

House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2918, Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2010.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9861–S9894

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1715–1721, and S. Res. 288–289. **Page S9868–69**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Legislative and Oversight Activities During the 110th Congress by the Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs”. (S. Rept. No. 111–81)

S. 801, to amend title 38, United States Code, to waive charges for humanitarian care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to family members accompanying veterans severely injured after September 11, 2001, as they receive medical care from the Department and to provide assistance to family caregivers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–80) **Page S9868**

Measures Passed:

National Mesothelioma Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 288, designating September 26, 2009, as “National Mesothelioma Awareness Day”. **Page S9866**

VA Medical Facility Leases: Senate passed S. 1717, to authorize major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2010. **Pages S9889–90**

Small Business Investment Act: Senate passed H.R. 3614, to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S9890**

Reid (for Landrieu/Snowe) Amendment No. 2556, to improve the bill. **Page S9890**

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Measures Considered:

Department of Defense Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3326, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010. **Pages S9861–63**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the bill at approximately 1:30 p.m., on Tuesday, September 29, 2009. **Page S9892**

Viken Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 4:30 p.m., on Tuesday, September 29, 2009, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Jeffrey L. Viken, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Dakota, and that there be 60 minutes of debate with respect to the nomination; with the time equally divided and controlled between the Chairman and Ranking Member, or their designees; and that at 5:30 p.m., on September 29, 2009, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination. **Page S9890**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
46 Army nominations in the rank of general.
4 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

8 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy. **Pages S9892–94**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Marisa Lago, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.